

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 25, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, to ensure scalability, the VACM MIB Views [[513]] do not reference individual Object Instances for each VPN. Instead, each MIB View 508, 510, 512 is specified in terms of one or more tables of Managed Objects in MIB 214. Consequently, the configuration of only the tables, and not the specific Object Instances within the tables, does not preclude proper denial of access to certain VPNs. The configuration of only the tables simply prevents requests from disallowed VPNs from accessing the tables at this point. That is, general access to tables of MIB objects is granted during the first sub-phase described herein, in which initial security and view access occur. Access by a particular request to a specific MIB object of a particular table is controlled during the third sub-phase, as described further below.